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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 12, 2001 (Monday)

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 11, 2000, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to March 11, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended) A thread wound golf ball comprising

(a) a solid center composed of an inner center formed from a vulcanized molded rubber composition containing an oily substance, and a center outer layer formed from an oil-resistant substance selected from the group consisting of polyurethane thermoplastic thermoplastic elastomer, polyester elastomer, polyamide thermoplastic elastomen and a mixture thereof and coated around

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